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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Dear Brother Rice:

Dear Dr. Rice,

I am the son of a Methodist minister; sometime ago you gave permission to my father to translate and publish your book "Prayer, Asking and Receiving" and due to my father's occupations, I translated the book. I was educated in a half-modernistic seminary here in Mexico and then went to study in the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, University that is a bit modernistic.

When I finished my studies at Dallas, I went home to be with my mother and father a few weeks before my Annual Conference would meet. During those weeks I translated your book. Also, during those weeks I became acquainted with "The Sword of the Lord."

My father is a very fundamentalistic preacher but I did not agree with him. So when I began to read your book and your paper, I was startled, I did not agree with you and sincerely believed that you were too extremist. Then I decided to be fair and try your ideas. Well, I tried them and my whole life was changed. In about a month, I began to realize that I was a bit wrong and was too far from the Lord.

Now I am in a small pastoral charge in north Mexico. The Lord is blessing us greatly; but I am writing you to ask if I could have your paper and pay for it in some other way than money. As you know, we Mexican ministers have very low salaries and it would cost me 17 Mexican pesos to have a subscription for your paper; that is too much money for me. I want to save some money (in fact, I am doing it) to buy your book on the family because I want to read it before I get married; but I want also to receive your paper. Will you please tell me if there is a way to pay for a subscription of your paper in something else than money?

By the way, your book on prayer will be ready in Spanish in about one month and a half more; it is being impressed right now. May the Lord be with you

I enclose the clipping signed to tell you of my decision to serve Christ hereafter. I feel very weak, for, though singing in an Anglican Cathedral Choir for thirty years in Edmonton, Alberta, and having considered myself a Christian, I have lived a modernist through the years and had doubts concerning much of the Word. My life has been very eventful and my profession was that of a school teacher until 1941 when I retired and came east to live with two nieces. I am now 73. Last autumn I had a cancer removed from my colon and passed through the operation successfully, leaving the clinic in six weeks. A few weeks after I returned home to be attended each day by a visiting nurse, the wound began to discharge and refused to heal over. I became very discouraged as the days passed in discomfort. My nephew in Alberta began sending me your paper. This together with my Bible I have been reading regularly. For the last two weeks I have attended the morning service at the nearest United Church where they have a most devoted and clear preacher. Here I received spiritual consolation.

Today, alone in my room, I read the sermon you published and after my weeks of striving to see the real light, Christ touched my heart and I pray that I may hold steadfast and be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Though, at best, I can have but few years left of this life, I am anxious to do some good work for the Master.

Sincerely
Charles H. King

(Enclosed with this letter was a signed decision form which followed a recent sermon by Dr. L. R. Scarborough in THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

as wonderfully as He is with us here. May He bless you for the great good you have done to me. I will be expecting your answer.

Yours in Jesus Christ,
(Signed) Rev. H. O. Espinoza

Sword Welcomes Charles T. Lampman, New Managing Editor

By the Editor



Charles T. Lampman

The Lord has been wonderfully gracious in supplying good workers for The Sword of the Lord office. Almost everyone who comes in is surprised at the beehive of activity here. Wednesday, March 8, Mr. Charles T. Lampman came to THE SWORD OF THE LORD as managing editor, and as Promotional Director for Sword of the Lord Publishers.

We thank God for Mr. Lampman's coming. He comes to us from the editorship of the International Gideon Magazine, where he has been for the last two years. Before that time, he was associate editor of Christian Life and Times. Before that, he was in the army four years. He has served as editor in chief of publications of the Faithful Words Publishing Company, St. Louis, and has had extensive editorial and promotional experience in Christian work.

Mr. Lampman is thirty-five; is a devoted, separated and consecrated Christian, a man of fine ability and immense capacity for work.

As managing editor, he will be particularly responsible for circulation of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and other business details, including advertising. Miss Fairy Shappard, advertising manager, will work with Mr. Lampman. Mr. Lampman will also be promotional director for Sword of the Lord books.

We thank God and take courage and ask all SWORD OF THE LORD readers to pray for Mr. Lampman.

An Open Door

By Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Founder Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina

(Sermon preached at Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning, Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, Thanksgiving Week, November 21, 1949. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

On the train after a campaign a few weeks ago, I said to the Lord, "Lord, I want something. I am tired of being kicked around; tired of being lied about. I am tired of being slandered; tired of the Devil nagging me. I want something. Give me something out of the Bible that I need." Then I opened it to this chapter in Revelation and read:

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth."—Rev. 3:7.

Who Is He Who Opens the Door?

Brother, an awfully powerful somebody is doing some "tall" talking here! You know, if a man promises me something, I want to know who he is. I want to know if he is able to deliver; then I want to know if he is honest enough to deliver. If a fellow wants to borrow some money from me and says, "I can pay you," I want to know, Can you pay me? Then I want to know, Will you pay me? Now notice these words:

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy . . ."

The spotless One who never did anything wrong; who never told a lie, never sinned; never said, "Forgive me, I have done wrong"—the spotless Son of God is talking.

" . . . he that is true, [never wavers] he that hath the key of David, [heir to the throne of David, king] he that openeth . . ."

There is power! Nobody else can get the door open. He says, "Let Me open it." You want to shut it? You can't. He says, "Let me do it." If there is something you want to do and can't, He says, "I can do it for you." What a God! What a Christ! What a Saviour! What omnipotence! I need Him! He has something that I need. That is the One talking. Blessed be His holy name! I am glad I stand in with Him a little; glad He is my friend. I speak reverently. If you will excuse me for using the words—"He's my Buddy!" He was a friend of my mother. He watched over her, took care of her and



Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

never let her down when she was dying. He rocked her to sleep in the arms of a peaceful death. He watched over my father; took good care of him and when he was dying put a song on his lips. That is the One—the omnipotent, holy, all-conquering, the undefeated Son of God—He is the One who is talking. That is wonderful, brother! I begin to straighten up when somebody like that goes to talking!

Now He says: "I know thy works . . ."

He knows everything, too—the number of your house; how many

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By the Editor

With this issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, the annual "Letter Month" begins. Actually we count April as "Letter Month," but allow you to get your letter in early to take advantage of our special offers and inducements.

There are many reasons why readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD should write to us at Wheaton. First, you should write because it will be helpful. Your criticisms will help us correct our mistakes and improve the paper. A statement of your needs will show us how we can do more for you. Your encouragement will inspire us to do better. Cooperative and loyal readers are largely responsible for the blessings attending the widespread ministry of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

A second reason why you should write is your obligation. The Bible commands, "Let him that is

taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things" (Gal. 6:6). Every heart that has been helped by THE SWORD OF THE LORD should say so. All the toil of keeping THE SWORD OF THE LORD, the book publishing business, the Sword Book Club, the Free Literature Fund, our summer conferences, the Extension Department and other activities going, deserve an honest "thank you" from those who have been benefited.

A third reason for writing is that the special offers of "Letter Month" make it well worth your while.

You see, we know that if we can get people to write, many of you will send in subscriptions, as you

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THE DOUBLE CURE

By the late Melvin E. Trotter, D.D.

Superintendent, City Rescue Mission, Grand Rapids, Michigan

In 1893 in Sing Sing Prison there was a man named Bill Caesar. Bill had been found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be electrocuted. When a new trial was denied him, he had taken his case to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, where, after months of delay, the decision of the lower court had been sustained.

Finally, by mortgaging his home and everything else and raising all the money he could from friends, old Bill had been able to get his briefs printed and his case carried to the United States Supreme Court at Washington. All this time he was in jail going through the most awful piece of torture, waiting for the return of the case in the United States Su-

preme Court. After a long delay, word came that here also the decision of the lower court had been sustained. There was no hope for him, and old Bill absolutely collapsed.

Just One Bright Ray

He discovered one tiny ray of
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Mel Trotter

ORPHAN CHILD



He sings three times a week.

"Bing" Canary had flown away from home, and he was not exactly happy about it. Mr. and Mrs. Canary were frantic. They had raised "Bing" from the time he was a tiny little bird, and they loved him as if he had been their own child—which he was, almost.

"Bing's" real parents were English Sparrows, but something happened to his father and mother when he was only two weeks old, so he was left an orphan. And do you know, the orphanage in Wington refused to accept him? The official reason given was that there was no room, but the real reason was that the English Sparrow family was very unpopular in Wington.

"We have too many English Sparrows in the town now," said one member of the orphanage board.

"And not a single one of them can carry a tune," commented another.

"And they bore you to death chattering all day long about their European ancestry," said another.

"Surely some of the relatives can take care of 'Bing,'" said a fourth.

But none of the English Sparrow relatives wanted "Bing" because all of them, like the old woman in the shoe, had so many children that they didn't know what to do. However, "Bing's" cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Canary did want him, because they had only two bird babies of their own. Then too, they were generous, kind birds, and not selfish and mean as some others were. So they adopted "Bing" as a member of their family. When he was baptized they named him Harry Canary, but his nick-name was "Bing."

The most wonderful thing about Mr. and Mrs. Canary was their happy disposition. They sang not only when it was clear and bright, but on cloudy, dark days as well. They had the reputation for being the most cheerful birds in Wington—they and Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale.

So, you can imagine what a fortunate thing it was for "Bing" to be brought up in the Canary family. Mrs. Canary gave him voice lessons just as she did her own children. And, believe it or not, he actually learned to sing. It was one of the happiest days of his life when he was accepted in the Junior Choir.

But I am sorry to tell you that his happiness did not last very long. On the way home from the first rehearsal Billy Oriole said, "You can't sing. You don't belong in the choir. You're not a Canary, but just a common English Sparrow."

Why would any bird say a mean thing like that, I wonder? Up to that time "Bing" had supposed that Mr. and Mrs. Canary were his real parents, and it broke his heart to be told he was not a

Canary.

That is why he flew away from home and went to the big city where, as he thought, he would not be known and no bird would say mean things about him. It was not long, of course, before he was more unhappy than ever. There were hundreds and hundreds of birds downtown, many of them English Sparrows. But none of them paid any attention to him. As he huddled in a corner, cold and sad, he said to himself, I wonder what Mother Canary would do at a time like this? And then, like a flash, the answer came—"She would sing. She always said, 'Singing will drive the clouds away.'"

And that is how "Bing" was found. Because by this time the radio was broadcasting the fact that he was lost. The broadcaster's description of him was "A little brown bird that looks like an English Sparrow but sings like a Canary."

It was Mrs. Oriole who found "Bing". She had listened to the radio announcement just before she started downtown to do little shopping. So when she turned the street corner and heard "Bing's" sweet little voice,

"Sing the clouds away

Night will turn to day;
If you sing and sing and sing
You'll sing the clouds away"

she hurried over to him and gathered him under her wing. "What ever made you leave home?" she asked. "You dear little bird."

"Bing", not wishing to be a tattle-tale, said simply, "One of the members of the Junior Choir said I was not a real Canary, so I felt I didn't belong."

"Of course you belong," said Mrs. Oriole. "The Junior Choir couldn't get along without you."

That night at supper time Mrs. Oriole told how she had found "Bing", singing on the corner, and when she came to the part about some member of the Junior Choir making that ugly remark, Billy was so ashamed he felt like crawling under the table. But he did something much better than that. The next day he went over to the Canary cottage, apologized to "Bing" and invited him to come over to his house to play. From that time on they have been the best of friends.

When the manager of the radio station heard how "Bing" had been found, he called Mr. and Mrs. Canary and asked them to bring him to the station for an audition. The result is that "Bing" now sings three times a week on a special Sunshine program. Each

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hope, however. He reasoned, "If I can only get the governor now to give me a reprieve and sentence me to life imprisonment in Sing Sing prison, maybe the state of New York will some day have another governor, and he will give me a pardon." Now that was a little like a drowning man grabbing at a straw which is a good way off; yet that was the only hope he had.

After his collapse, Bill just simply gave up and went into a decline. Finally the doctors declared that this fellow had what they called in 1893, quick, or galloping consumption. We do not have that now; we have "tuberculosis" instead, which is altogether a different thing, and yet which works just the same. But the point is that when Bill got this quick consumption, of course his friends rushed over as fast as they could and they said, "Look here, doctor, you must do everything you can for old Bill, and get right at it; give him the best room and all the nurses you have."

The doctor said, "Wait a minute! Why do you suppose I want to kill myself trying to get old Bill Caesar cured? If I cure him, he will have to die in the electric chair."

Next they wrote to the governor, saying, "You will have to do something for old Bill, for he has quick consumption. You must pardon him; that is the only thing you can do, and you will have to do it quick. He is all broken down; the man is very sick with this incurable disease."

And the governor said, "Wait a minute! Don't let us get excited. Why do you suppose I am going to pardon this man Caesar? He will die of his disease. A pardon isn't going to do him any good."

A Double Sentence of Death

Old Bill was up against what you might call the real thing. He was under a double sentence of death. If he were cured, he must die for his murder; if he got a pardon, he must die of his disease. A pardon wouldn't help him; a cure wouldn't help him. What he needed was both.

That is the picture of every man, woman and child born into the world since Adam fell. It has always been just one story—that sin is not only a disease, but sin is a crime. There are a lot of people who tell you to be very gentle with certain kinds of sin, like drunkenness, because drunkenness is not a sin, but a disease. All right, but just remember this one thing: when a man is a drunkard, he is a sinner. That is a foregone conclusion.

You know very well that sin is a disease. David once said, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Isaiah declared, "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it:

time he sings, he is introduced as "The only English Sparrow in the world who can sing like a Canary." Of course, his favorite song still is "Sing the clouds away" and now he is so happy that it doesn't matter to him at all whether the other birds call him "Bing" Sparrow or "Bing" Canary. Oh yes, I almost forgot, he is back in the Junior Choir too, singing every Sunday side by side with Billy Oriole.

(From the book, *BIRD LIFE IN WINGTON*, by Rev. J. Calvin Reid. The fifth of thirty chapters to appear regularly in *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. Read them to your children.)

but wounds, and bruises and putrifying sores"—a horrible picture. Paul said, "In me (that is, in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing."

I am old-fashioned enough to believe the Bible from cover to cover. The Bible contains the Word of God. No, the Bible is the Word of God; I like it better that way—then I can get my foot on it anywhere and it won't slip. So I am going to keep on believing what God said about original sin. He said, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." And when He made Adam in His own image He made him without death in him. I don't believe He ever made that man to die or he wouldn't have been made in the likeness or image of God. But He told him if he did a certain thing he would die; and Adam did it, and he died. And from that day until this there have been uses for graveyards and undertakers. "It is appointed unto men once to die." Death is in the land and it is a disease that has every one of us; the moment we come into the world we are starting off towards death, if the Lord Jesus Christ should tarry. Now that is not a very pleasant picture, but it is here and we might as well face it. Quick consumption had old Bill Caesar, and death as sure as that has got you and me, unless we can find Somebody who will bring us a double cure.

Does A Man Fall UP?

Adam was made in the image of God, and in the fifth chapter of Genesis we are told that Seth was born in the image of his father Adam. You say, if Adam was created in the image of God, and Seth was born in the image of Adam, therefore Seth must be like God. But the trouble was that between the time Adam was created and Seth was born, sin had come in; and sin is in us all. There is something that comes in with that thing that means that the tendency is always down.

I would like to talk to men a moment or two. Every red-blooded man knows that if he lets go of himself, he will go down. Somebody says, "Oh, no; if a man falls, he falls up." But don't you forget it, the tendency is down, and it takes all the manhood one has to be the man he wants to be; and many a time he crawls away by himself and admits to his own heart that he is unable to do it even then. I would not be afraid to include you women, too, just here, and say to you that you know very well that there is something about you that always makes you heartsick when it reveals itself to you, because the tendency is down. You get hold of yourself and you try your level best to hold yourself up where you belong, but in spite of all you can do, that miserable thing is in you. Why did that boy do that? Because it is in him. What made that girl do that? Well, it is in her. It is there, this miserable thing that we got with Adam. Everywhere you go you will find it the same way. The little bit of a fellow has just as much sin in him as the fellow who is big and red and hearty. He gets suffering just as well as the big fellow. It is everywhere because we have been bitten by the same thing. There isn't one who ever escaped it.

But sin is not only a disease; it is a crime. In Isaiah 53:6, we have this word, "All we like sheep have gone astray." It does not say, "Part of them," and exempt a few nice folks; but it says, "All we like sheep have gone astray." So you see, it is not only a disease, but a crime. We have all committed the thing. We were not only born in sin; but we have done the thing.

Notice in the Word how you went astray: "We have turned every one to his own way." That is sin. Your way is not God's way. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher

than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Those are God's words. Your way is sin, and that is the reason, He tells you, that you went astray: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." That is the way of sin.

If you are a farmer, you know what a sheep is. Sheep are not fierce animals; they are not vicious in any way. They are just simply fools. They will just wander off. They will go right by a sheepfold, the gate that will let them in to safety. They see something green over on the hill and follow it, just as you do. Do you know why He said that you are like sheep? Because the sheep do not go out looking for trouble; they just go astray. I never knew a man or woman who ever intended to go out and look for trouble. I never knew a man who deliberately started out to be a drunkard. I never knew a woman who started out intentionally to go down and hit the very bottom of sin. Nobody ever intended it. Nobody is vicious to begin with; but like sheep, people wander off in many different ways. Let me throw out a hint or two on the way folks go astray.

"I Can Leave It Alone"

Do you mean to tell me a man starts out to be a drunkard? A fellow who "can drink or leave it alone," always drinks. He never intends to form a habit. I never intended to become a drunkard, and yet I lived to see the day when I could no more stay sober than I could fly, if I could get hold of anything to get drunk with. Do you mean to tell me I intended that? Never. I went down a step at a time—one glass, three, four glasses, five. And the first thing you know, you are playing the sky limit. That is the way they all go. You go down and get among the bums and they will tell you, "Oh, I never intended to get down here." Not one of them ever did. And yet at last they wake up to the fact that they are hopeless slaves; and when they do, there is nothing left for them but to go and end their miserable lives.

I do want to say this about the bum: there is a little hope left, because the moment he becomes absolutely hopeless he almost always takes his life. Thank God for that little hope old Bill Caesar had, just grabbing at a straw. He said, "If the governor will just give me a reprieve, maybe some other governor will be elected some day who will pardon me." He still had a hope, or he would have tried his level best to take his life, I'm sure. You know, that is the funny thing about sin. It always gets you down to the very place you don't intend to go.

I was called at two o'clock one morning. I hurried to the police station. A little girl had been brought in, about eighteen years of age. She looked so young for her age. She had taken carbolic acid. I knelt down beside her. The doctor who was there said, "I don't believe she will understand you." I tried to pour into her dying ear the story of Jesus. I did my best to get her attention. I got down beside her and I said, "Listen, Jesus loves you, and Jesus died to save you. You know He died to save sinners; you must be a sinner, and He died to save you. Jesus loves you."

At first she didn't seem to hear, but pretty soon I caught her trying to say something, and listened, but I couldn't understand. Her tongue was thick and black and her lips were swollen. And I repeated, "Jesus loves you, and we love you; just remember that He is here right now, and that He will not forsake you even in your dying hour if you will only turn your face toward Him. They tell you that you cannot live. Listen to me."

And I tried to tell the poor lit-

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the thing. Then I led in prayer, hoping maybe she could hear. Old Pat stood beside me—a great, big Irish cop, a good friend of mine. Pretty soon I stopped praying, but was still on my knees. The big fellow stood there with tears running down his cheeks, although he was used to pretty hard sights. Pretty soon I heard her lip again. I crawled down, put my ears by her burned lips, and I heard her pray, "Now I lay me down to sleep"—the only prayer she knew, perhaps. I heard her say, "I lay me down"—she went away; she came back again and tried to finish the prayer, but when she got to, "If I should die . . ." she never finished it. When I straightened up after pulling the sheet over the little face, I turned to the cop and said, "What do you think about it?"

He said, "It's hell, Trotter. Tell me where he is," he said; "he is perhaps out looking for another victim, while she lies here a suicide. She never meant to be bad. She is a pretty thing. Somebody lied to her."

"All we like sheep have gone astray." She just wandered off. No more harm in that poor little thing than there is in the sheep, yet she wandered away just having her own way. Started out with dress that was wrong, in company that was wrong, in places she had no business to be. You need not draw on your imagination.

I wonder if you fathers and mothers all know where your boy is. Is he out running your car, roaming around in sin, or is he here? Where is he? There is the trouble with the whole business. They never intended to get down—just like sheep.

"Ah," but you say, "you see, Mr. Trotter, we don't get down." You do in your own way. My way was drunkenness. That poor child's way was to fall into sin, though she never intended to any more than I intended to be a drunkard. The point is, you have gone astray, and you not only have the disease of sin, but you have committed the sin.

Astray Like Sheep

You have gone astray like a sheep. Suppose He had said, "like a dog." A dog will always get back. I had an old dog. My father tried to lose him; drove him twenty-five miles into Freeport. He never did love that dog, while I always loved him. He put him in the back of a buggy where he couldn't see, hauled him away twenty-five miles, and had a man lock him up until he got out of town and then let him loose. When he got home, the dog was there to meet his team. You never could lose him. They say cattle come back, too. But sheep never can get back alone. That is an unwritten law. That is why a shepherd must go and bring back his sheep. They do not get back alone.

But none of the ransomed ever knew
How deep were the waters crossed;
Nor how dark was the night
that the Lord passed thro'
Ere He found His sheep that was lost.
Out in the desert He heard its cry—
Sick and helpless, and ready to die.

But all thro' the mountains,
thunder-riven,
And up from the rocky steep,
There arose a glad cry to thee

gate of heaven,
"Rejoice! I have found my sheep!"
And the angels echoed around the throne,
"Rejoice! for the Lord brings back His own!"

He didn't wait for the sheep to find Him; He went out and found the sheep. That is why you go astray. Like a sheep, you cannot get back. No man can get back; no woman can get back. They talk in these days about prize fighters coming back; about ball players coming back! I will tell you that nobody gets back alone. They are too much like sheep, because, "All we like sheep have gone astray."

You say, "Oh, well, I got away from it alone all right." But look out you don't get back again. I want to tell you the last end of that man is worse than the first. Always remember it is like a sheep that we have gone astray, and here is the way we went astray, "We have turned every one to his own way." You don't mean to do it, but when you drift away, the first thing you know, you are yielding to that sin; it may be temper, it may be envy, it may be pride, it may be jealousy, it may be drunkenness, it may be stealing, it may be lying. I don't care what it is, "We have turned every one to his own way." So you see, you are not only a sinner by birth, but you are a sinner because you have committed it.

A fellow said to me on the train one day, "Oh, you preachers make me sick."

"I am not a preacher," I replied. "I wish I were. I don't know enough."

He said, "I don't care what you are. You Christians are always talking about a man going to Hell because Adam sinned."

Why People Go to Hell

"No," I said, "you will never go to Hell because Adam sinned. You will go to Hell because you refuse the remedy God provided for Adam's sin. Don't you go crying about something that has absolutely been taken care of. If you go to Hell you will go over the broken body of Jesus Christ who died to keep you out."

So I have to find a remedy. I have to find two. One thing won't do. A cure is not going to help you. Thank God, you have got to have something more than that, and you can find it in Jesus Christ. Did you ever notice Psalm 103:3, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases"? Forgiving iniquities, healing diseases—that is the thing. You have got to have a double cure. And you will find it in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins." Why, a large part of all His earthly ministry was taken up in healing bodies, but that was only a part of His mission. If Bill Caesar had had his body healed, he would have died for his crime. The ninth chapter of Matthew is one of the best illustrations of the truth. When they all raged because He said, "Son . . . thy sins be forgiven thee," the Pharisees said, "Who can forgive sins but God?" and Jesus Christ said, "Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins (then saith he to the sick of the palsy), Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thine house." And he put his bed on his back and walked. You know, the wonderful thing about it is that He can do both. In the Lord Jesus Christ we have the double cure, and we must have the two things.

"God Forgive Me"

Suppose I had started out of the Pacific Garden Mission the night I went in there and was converted.

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I went in the door, knocking the chairs down as I went, and Harry Monroe led me to Christ. He put his arm around me and said, "Now old fellow, you pray," and I did. "You do this," and I did. I did everything I was told. I was looking for a way out. Suppose Jesus had whispered in my poor drunken ear, "I have forgiven you all the sin you have ever committed." I would have said, "Thank You, Jesus; I certainly need it, and I thank You for it." But I would have gone out into Van Buren Street and into the first saloon I could find to get a drink. But, thank God, He didn't do that. He not only forgave me at the altar, but He healed me. I have never wanted a drink from that minute to this. He forgave me all the sins I ever did commit or ever will commit. Thank God, He healed me, and I do not want the drink. I deserve no credit for being sober, because when He forgave me, He healed me.

A Roman Catholic asked me the other day, "Mr. Trotter, what do you think of men coming to Christ in rescue missions and yet never being delivered from the desire to drink whiskey?"

"Well," I said, "I think there are men who are converted who do that, and yet I always say that there is deliverance from even the desire to drink, if they will accept the double cure in Jesus Christ. I certainly have seen it. You need not tell me when a man will do what I used to do—sell the shoes off my feet, open my veins and sign the pledge with my own blood, only to break it in an hour—you need not tell me by that thing I was the master of it. No, Jesus came in and gave me a new heart."

Sam Hadley was telling how he got away from whiskey and never wanted it. After the meeting a physician, a lady, came up to him and said, "I have enjoyed the meeting tonight, but please do not say again the thing you said tonight. I am a physician, a graduate of such and such a school, and I know you never, never can be saved from the desire to drink whiskey, like that, because after drinking alcohol it works on the stomach until the stomach is just simply ulcerated, and there is no possible cure within six months and sometimes even years and sometimes never." And she said again, "Don't ever say that again, because some professional man or woman may hear you and know that you are—I don't say dishonest—but you are simply fooled."

Sam said, "Well, hallelujah!" She said, "What is the matter with you?"

He said again, "Hallelujah!" She said, "Are you a fool?"

He returned, "Praise the Lord!"

She said, "What is the matter with you?"

"Well," he said, "I knew God gave me a new heart, but I never knew before that He gave me a new stomach." It is the double cure. And that is the very thing I am trying to bring you. Thank God, He not only can save you from your sin, but He can heal you so you don't want the old sin. Wouldn't you give most anything in the world tonight if God would help you to be just what you want to be, instead of having that horrible thing that you know to be wrong? Wouldn't you give most anything to be healed as well as forgiven?

Deliverance From Sin

You go and confess your sin. "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." But what about getting away from them? Have you got to go tomorrow morning and do the same confessing, and have Him forgive it? Wouldn't it be wonderful to be delivered from the sin? Listen to this wonderful verse that I love perhaps above

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When they gave me a Bible, Mrs. Clark gave me a little two-and-a-half-cent Testament; and for a year I never read even a paper. I didn't read anything but my Testament. I learned a verse every day and I could quote it and tell you where it was according to the King James version. I studied Romans and Acts for a year. We always put new converts into Acts and Romans before we ever take them back into the Gospels. Well, you know I just read that wonderful Book and I just stuck to it.

One morning I was on my knees praying. I had gone into the back room of my barber shop. Heaven seemed to speak to me. It was a beautiful time of prayer. Pretty soon it came to me just like thunder out of a clear sky, "Yes, He did go through terrible suffering, but He was taking your place; all the things that were done to Him were done for you, and if He hadn't borne them, you would have to." And then I said, "Hallelujah, Jesus. If You love me that much, I am going to love You a little more." Then I went back (Continued on page 4)

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An Open Door

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hairs in your head; how many bad thoughts and good thoughts you have ever had.

I have been an evangelist for years; have gone up and down this country and preached over and over about sin, and secret sin. Then one day as I read the Bible a new meaning came to me in this verse: "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, beholding the good and the bad" (II Chron. 16:9). God sees every good thing. He does not have a habit of just looking at bad things. He sees the bad things, but He also sees the good things. He hears every prayer. He sees the tear that flows down every cheek, and wipes it off. That is the One. He knows whether we are humbugs, and hypocrites, liars and crooks! He knows whether I am sincere when I stand in the pulpit. He knows whether I am genuine. He knows whether I am a fourflusher! He knows!

You know, He appreciates sincerity. You yourself cannot help but appreciate sincerity. I like frank, honest, sincere, straight people. He said, "I know thy works."

A Door No Man Can Shut

Now wait a minute: "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it!" He did not say, "I have set before you an open door to a big room so you will be famous; where you will be talked about; where you will make the headlines of the paper; where you will be the envy of everybody." No, He said, "I have set before you an open door. It may be a little room, it may be a big room; it may be on a back street, it may be in the slums of a city; it may be somewhere else, but I have fixed a door for you to go through. I have opened it; let us see anybody shut it. Let them try! I dare them! I am the holy One; I have the key to David; I am able to do it. Let somebody close the door if he can."

Now He did not say no one would kick you when you go through it! He did not say there would not be anyone there to give you trouble when you got in. All He says is, "I am not going to let anybody shut the door when I open it."

People lie about you, slander you, persecute you, misrepresent you, kick you around, cuff you about. I used to worry about that. Then one day I read, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Tim. 3:12). Ye "shall suffer persecution"! It goes with living right. It is a part of the business. They may kick you more than once; you may not be able to sit down when you get in the room. You may have to stand; but that may be good for you. There are too many folks sitting anyhow. They cannot bother you.

Another thing; if they kick you, it may speed you up a little. Some of us need kicking. If Paul had

not been kicked around, the jailer would not have been converted! They kicked him into a prison cell, and he converted the jailer. He prayed the doors off their hinges, then went down the street with the convert on one arm and one of the gates under the other. They kicked him through the jail. He went by and left the judge trembling. I have opened the door.

Today on the plane I was thinking of the great days we used to have down south. I was reared in the Southern Methodist church, went to the Methodist altar at the age of eleven and was converted and later was baptized in a country creek. My old country Baptist mother saw that this was done. In the Southern Methodist church when I was a boy there were more great evangelists than ever belonged to any denomination in America at any one time!

Southern Baptist churches had great preachers. Dr. George W. Truett had not come into such fame then: but there were other great men. But there was a group of evangelistic geniuses in the Southern Methodist church. There has never been an evangelist on the American platform or in the American pulpit with greater evangelistic genius than Sam Jones. He was one of the great preachers of all time—Sam Jones, that fiery, dynamic man of God!

I heard a physician in Chattanooga, Tennessee, say that the most miraculous manifestation of power he had ever witnessed was under Sam Jones' ministry! He said, "Packed in the great warehouse, I saw a crowd one night stand to their feet and keep standing and keep standing and keep standing. I was in the crowd and discovered myself standing, though I didn't even know when I got up!"

That meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, conducted by Sam Jones, was probably the greatest revival in many ways ever conducted in any city in America! Sam Jones, so it has been said, had over ten thousand accessions to the churches in the vicinity of Nashville. He swept over the south like a prairie fire. He did not know so very much theology, but he knew men ought to repent, and he knew that Jesus could save sinners, and he knew sin damned people. That was about all he preached. He never preached more than three or four really great sermons in a campaign. But those great sermons he preached in a campaign pulled upon the hearts of the people, moved them to God, and one sermon sometimes would turn a city upside down.

There was George Stuart. Sam Jones was in Nashville, and George Stuart was teaching English over in Tennessee. He went up to Nashville to hear Sam Jones. He said to me, "Bob, I had a contempt for him. I just went to hear him because I was curious to hear him." He came under the spell of Sam Jones' ministry. Then Sam Jones got sick, and George Stuart preached. Stuart was at that time a rather formal scholarly type of a preacher. He could, however, exhort. So he called mourners, and, as they say down south, they "piled down" to the front. Then George Stuart went into evangelistic work with Sam Jones.

There was John D. Culpepper. I heard him preach when he was eighty years old—a little, sickly runt. Never shall I forget the sermon!

Others I could name. There was a man in Mississippi named McIntosh. Another man whose name I cannot just now recall held a meeting in the county seat of my county when I was a boy. He turned that county upside down! In a town of probably two thousand people, they took six hundred mem-

The Double Cure

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over the punishment, and when they smote Him on the back, I saw it coming to me, and I hadn't a word to say. If God is going to make Him to be my sin, why, He must put on Him the purple robe and put a reed in His hand and a crown of thorns on His head. And the soldiers walked back and forth and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" I can understand how they could mock Him; I had it coming to me, and He was taking my place. Bless His holy name for that. I can understand it now. I know now why they whipped Him, scourged Him, made a fool of Him and mocked Him. I know why He did it. He was in my place, that is all. God made Him to be my sin. If He is going to make Him to be my sin, He must bear the punishment of my sin.

Some good friends of mine say, "Trotter, you ought never to talk about Jesus going to Hell." I say, "Hold on; if my sin deserves Hell, He went." I like the Apostles' Creed because the words, "He descended into Hell," have not been taken out. He did descend into Hell if He was in my place, because my sin demands it and your sin demands it. And if He didn't go, you will. I am preaching substitution pure and simple. There isn't anything else to preach. If He didn't go, you will. Thank God, He made Him to be my sin, and He must not only take my punishment, but He must take my Hell.

The Day of Execution

Let us get to Friday morning, the morning of Bill's execution. At twenty minutes past four old Bill's mother was allowed to go to the cell to bid him good-by, for the governor had refused to pardon him. At twenty minutes of six o'clock his wife and children came. The guard watched very closely because he was so afraid that something might be slipped to Bill and they would cheat the state of New York out of the body that belonged to them. And then at about six o'clock Bill came

bers into the churches. That meeting made history in that town.

There was old man, Henry C. Morrison. I think that Dr. Morrison had more different elements of a great preacher than probably any man who ever lived in America.

Southern Methodists in that day believed the Bible, were orthodox, sound Christians. But one day they said, "We had better control these evangelists. They will be running the bishops and everybody else." So they passed a law in the Methodist church—now get it: "No man—pastor, preacher, or layman—can conduct a religious service within the bounds of the territory of a Methodist pastor, if forbidden by the pastor to conduct the service." In other words, technically, you could not have a public prayer meeting near a Methodist church if the pastor said, "Don't have it!"

They tried Henry C. Morrison in an ecclesiastical court for going to a place when he was told by a pastor not to go. But they did not stop any of those fellows unless they wanted to be stopped. No man can stop you if you do not want to be stopped!

Now I am just visiting with you tonight. This is not a regular sermon; but I am sticking to my text.

I began to preach when I was fifteen, out in the woods of southeast Alabama. And I had just as good revivals when I was fifteen years old as I have ever had in my life. They were not as big as they were later. They could not have been because that section of Alabama was sparsely settled in those days.

By the way, some of you have the wrong idea about Christian education. I said to our preacher boys just the other day, "Boys, you don't take training in a Christian school to match wits with sinners. You go and take Christian training so you can move in all circles with ease and give them the gospel." The Apostle Paul said, (Continued on page 5)

out into the little room and sat down in the electric chair, sat there coughing with quick consumption, bent over, before they strapped him back into the chair. Supposing Jesus had walked in there in person and had said, "Mr. Caesar, if you will get up out of that chair, I will sit down and become your death." We can imagine Bill answering back, "Don't joke me; this is no time for joking."

"I'm not joking you, Mr. Caesar. If you will get up out of that chair, I will sit down and die and let you go free. I do not owe the state of New York anything. And because you took a life you must pay your life; I am willing to give mine in your place. You go home to your family."

Bill, without looking up, might say, "How can you do that?"

"Well," He would say, "God so loved the world that He gave Me, Jesus."

"Oh, are you Jesus? Are you Jesus?" Now he would look up.

Oh, I wish I could get you folks to look up tonight. If I could get you to look up and see Jesus, I could spoil you for the world forever. The trouble is, we do not see Jesus. I wish I could get you to do what I am trying to have you see Bill do. If you would only raise your eyes and look up and see Him in His beauty!

But Bill said, "How can you do it?"

"God so loved the world that He gave Me, Jesus, to die."

We can picture Bill slowly rising, and Jesus saying, "Wait a moment. Before I sit down and become your death, I want you to come over here." Bill slowly walks over. He says, "See here, this is my place here; that is death over there. That is going to be death in a little while. But this is my place over here. I stand before God without sin. I am God the Son. God the Father, God the Son. No less God, because the second person in the Trinity. God has nothing against Me. My Father said in Me He is well pleased. There is no sin in My life; and if you will come over here, I am going to reckon all My righteousness unto you, and you are going to sit down or stand here in My righteousness. In order to accomplish this, I am going over there and become your sin."

You know, the funny thing about it, if He had turned old Bill Caesar out of the penitentiary without giving him righteousness forever, Bill would have been pointed out as the old murderer. His little children would have been pointed out as the children of a murderer. His old mother could not walk the streets with her head uncovered because her son was a murderer. But, thank God, Jesus was made his sin that he might be made the righteousness of God in Christ. And God not only saved him, but He made him as if he had never sinned.

Getting Up Out of the Death Chair

Come with me a minute. I wonder if you understand what it means to get up definitely out of the death chair where you belong, and where you and I must go, because every man has sinned. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God!" and you are never going to get anywhere until you definitely get up. You can sit down here and be baptized, you can sit over in this death chair and be confirmed, you can sit over here and take communion, you can sit over here and attend the church, or work for foreign missions, or be patriotic, or be a Red Cross nurse; you can sit over here and give your heart and life and your body for your country; but you will never be

converted until you get up out of that chair and let Somebody become your Substitute and die in your place, and at the same time come over here and be reckoned righteous in the sight of God.

God not only took my place, but He gave me His; and I stand here tonight just as sure of Heaven as if I were there this minute. I would rather be right here, I know Him and I know that He took my place and He paid my debt; and I know I accepted His righteousness. I have definitely yielded myself. Have you ever definitely done it? Brother, sister, have you really definitely dealt with God on your own sin? Have you ever taken the place of condemnation, ready to be strapped in because of your sin? "The soul that sinneth, it shall die;" and we have all sinned, been born in it and committed it, and Jesus Christ because we have got the desire, cures us, and because we have committed the crime, pardons us. And then, thank God, He imputes to us a new character, making us as though we had never sinned. I do not stand before you, if you please, a reformed drunkard. I am a transformed man, a child of God. Tell me why Mr. Moody allows me on this platform. Tell me why he receives me in his home. Tell me why he allows me to mingle with his wife and daughters. Because I am a reformed man or forgiven? No, it is because I am a new creature in Christ. I have His righteousness.

Listen, my friends. Some young man, some young woman in this room, some older ones, have been trying to do it. They have been church members for years and yet they haven't definitely yielded. I spoke about this thing one night, and at the close of the meeting gave the invitation. A woman in deep mourning walked down the aisle, whom I recognized when she got near the altar, and when I got into the inquiry meeting, I said, "Mrs. So-and-so, what are you here for?" I knew her to be a worker in the church.

She replied, "You know, Mr. Trotter, I buried my husband."

I said, "Yes, I know. I saw it in the paper."

She said, "You know I haven't anyone left now except one brother, who is in Idaho. My husband, my daughters and sons, my father and my mother and everybody dear to me have gone to Heaven; while I am a member of the church, I have never definitely on the ground of my sinfulness and condemnation yielded myself to Jesus, and Heaven is too dear to me now to make any mistake, so I just want to come and give my heart to Christ."

Here is what she said, "I have taken my place as a sinner; I have accepted His place in righteousness and because He has paid my debt I know I am saved."

And I appeal to some of you folks in the church right here who have been church members for years, yet who have never definitely dealt with your sin and your God, having God deal with it in a definite way. If you are going to accept it, you must accept it in a definite way. Will you give your heart and your life to Jesus Christ tonight?

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I am all things to all men that by all means I might win some of them' (I Cor. 9:22). Paul never matched wits with anybody. Paul said it is not God's way. Paul said God chose "the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty" (I Cor. 1:27).

Now, considering the population and circumstances, back in the backwoods of southeast Alabama when I was fifteen I had as great revivals as I have ever had. I could not have those meetings in some places, for I was just a country boy. I would not have been at ease in some places.

The first meeting I ever conducted, I tried to get the schoolhouse, but they would not let me have it. "You going to preach? Why, you are just a boy."

I said, "Well, I'm called to preach."

"Ha, ha, ha!"

I went around and tried to get a Baptist church. They would not let me have it. I went around and tried to get a Methodist church. They would not let me have it. But I was called to preach! I went out in the woods and built a brush arbor. God owned the trees, and I was His servant. A good Christian man said I could cut down the trees, and put up a brush arbor. I built me a brush arbor. The woods were full of yellow jackets and hornets' nests. An old farmer down in that country said he did not see how hornets could break up a camp meeting. Another old fellow said, "I do, brother; they are organized!" But in that place I preached—at least I tried to preach! And the power of God came. We organized a church with fifty-four members. I didn't know anything except that God loved sinners and Jesus wanted to save them. I knew He saved me and wanted me to tell somebody. I found out then that they can't shut the door if God does not want it shut. For fifty-one years they have been trying to stop me; but I do not stop easy! The brakes on my car never work very well, and the motor keeps running!

Listen! If you let anybody stop you from entering a door that God Almighty opens, you insult God and Heaven and the angels! God opens door and says, "Come in," and if you don't go in there because somebody says, "Don't go in," you take somebody else's side instead of God Almighty's side! I do not mean you are not to be a gentleman. I do not mean you are not to be ethical, but brother, I mean when God opens the door and says, "Come in," go in.

A man said to me, "You know, I'm called to preach, but I haven't anywhere to preach." Well, there are plenty of wide open spaces! They will give you a permit for the street corner in some cities. You can still build brush arbors. You can still do the job. I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it!

The Door God Opens Is To Soul-Winning Opportunity

"Now wait a minute, wait a minute! What is this opened door? It is an open door to a soul-winning opportunity. We read in the fifteenth chapter of the Acts of the apostles about that great church conference. Someone got up and said, 'Resolved that we join the League of Nations'? No they didn't. 'Resolved that we cry out for church loyalty'? No they didn't. They said, 'Resolved that God's program on this earth now is to get a bride for His Son, and after this—after this, after what? After this job is done, after this—' You know why I do not know when Jesus

is coming? I do not know exactly when this job is going to be done. He is not coming back until after this. It might be tonight, for the job might close. And the only reason that we do not know when He is coming is because we do not know when the job will be finished.

Brethren, the older I get the more I realize that there is but one job in the earth—the evangelistic job. There is no other job. Bible teaching is given, not just to give us a case of religious gout. I know some of my brethren who have religious gout. They just stuff and stuff and stuff and stuff! They can tell you all about everything. They know where this dispensation ends and this dispensation starts. Now, I am a dispensationalist; do not misunderstand me. They can tell you the whole story. They know it all. They can tell you everything about it. But that does not mean anything to you, if you are not out after souls, for that is God's business in this age.

Jesus said, 'I have come to seek and to save that which was lost!' That is His business. Nobody can keep you from working with Him. They may shut you out of the church; they may shut you out of the town; organizations may be developed; people may misrepresent you; they may slander, they may persecute you; but after fifty-one years I can stand here tonight to tell you that all Hell cannot stop you unless you are willing to stop! 'I have set before you an open door. No man can shut it!'

God's Requirements for the Open Door

Now, listen. Why did He do that? First, "you have a little strength." We are not perfect. You never saw a perfect man. There is something the matter with all of us. In other words, you have a little life. You cannot deliver the goods unless you have the goods to deliver. "For thou hast a little strength," now listen—"and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." Three things are essential. God will not open the door for a man that does not have these three things—some spiritual life (maybe not all that Dr. Rice is talking about that we ought to have). Listen, you have some life. You can get more!

Sam Jones used to talk about a railroad train that gathered steam as it runs. You can get some more power. If you do not have the life, you cannot do the job. That is what is the matter with us. You try to be religious without any religion. You are trying to be a Christian without Christ. That is like pumping water out of a dry well. You pump and you pump and you pump—and no water.

'You do not deny My Name'—have kept My Word—listen! The man who repudiates the Word of God Almighty will never be a soul winner. He may be a bishop; he may be president of a university. I noticed yesterday in a certain place, in a certain assembly, they had one man connected with a great university whom I know to be one of the worst modernists in America. Another man, prominent in the machine is, telling folks what to do to be saved, and neither one of them believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ! You may not always understand all in this Book, but if you are right with God, you believe all of it.

You do not deny My Name—Jesus must be first. You must not shove Him around or push Him about. You cannot treat Him like that. 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me' (Exod. 20:3). He did not say that you must not have any bad gods; He said that you must not have any god, not even a good god, not even your wife, not even your child, not even your church! All those things are good things, but put Christ first.

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We are not going to have in this nation a revival until the pre-eminent place is given to Jesus Christ. You can go into any community in the country and hear people say, "Do this for the church. Do this for the Church. Do this for" That is all right. Do not misunderstand me; I am for the Gospel loving churches; but that is not the appeal. It is so easy to shove Him around, to put Him in the background.

They asked me to pray one time in a public service, a state occasion. They said, "Of course you understand, Dr. Jones, we have a lot of Jews here. Please don't mention Jesus in your prayer. Just say, 'Amen' when you get through."

I said, "I can't pray." In the first place I wouldn't insult Jesus Christ, and in the second place, a Roman Catholic wouldn't leave His name out! You never heard a Roman Catholic preach on a state occasion in your life that he did not mention Jesus Christ in his closing prayer; but I have heard Protestants do it. They ought to be ashamed of themselves to stand up there and pretend to pray and leave out the name of Jesus. "Shhhhhhhhhhhhhhh. Don't mention Jesus, there is somebody here who does not like Him! Don't mention Him. Don't say anything about Him. Tell Him to sit back in the corner. Push Him over to one side. Leave Him outside the door. You will hurt somebody's feelings." What about His feelings? What about slighting Him? What about shoving Him around? What about knocking Him about?

You are not really going places for God unless you have spiritual life, loyalty to the Word, and are true to Jesus.

"Because Thou Hast Kept the Word of My Patience, I Also Will Keep Thee"

Now He said, 'you have kept the word of my patience, and I am going to be good to you' (Rev. 3:10). God loves everybody but God is especially fond of those who are good to His Son. An unsaved fellow said to me the other day, "Dr. Jones, do you think God would send one of His children to Hell?" I said, "I know He wouldn't. But you are not one of His children; you are the Devil's kid! You want God Almighty to take you to Heaven, but if you want to live for your father, the Devil, let your daddy take care of you. God takes care of His own."

I have seen a lot of these evangelists grow old. I have also seen pastors and Christian laymen who are soul winners grow old. I never saw a soul winner grow old that he did not grow sweet. I knew one of them when he was ninety. I saw old man Morrison when he was about eighty-four. I never knew a great soul winner who stopped winning souls who did not get sour. The ones that keep on winning souls get sweeter as they get older.

God says, 'I'm going to be good to you. You were nice to My Son and stood by My Word and kept the faith and when I opened the door and said, Come in, you came in, whether it was a nice room or not. It may have been a little attic somewhere, but you came in when I said, Come in! You didn't let Me down. When trouble comes, I am going to take care of you.'

The Bible says that God pities like a father and comforts like a mother. Fathers can pity, but it takes mothers to comfort!

When my boy was a little fellow, he used to get hurt. I would go out and pick him up, dust off his little cap, brush his clothes and tell him I was sorry, put him up in my arms the best I could and start in the house with him. Then when he saw his mother . . . he climbed

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With the Evangelists

Reports From America's Outstanding Soul Winners

By the Editor

God is greatly blessing revival efforts over the country and our hearts are thrilled as we read reports of great campaigns with many saved.

Dr. Billy Graham in Greatest Revival of His Life at Columbia, S. C.

Our friend, Donald E. Hoke of Columbia Bible College writes that "the first ten days of the Greater Columbia Evangelistic Crusade under Billy Graham saw over 2,100 decisions for Christ, more than any campaign this party has ever held, Evangelist Graham said. Hundreds have been turned away nightly since the opening meeting."

Dr. Graham has agreed to stay an additional three weeks beyond the closing date originally planned. From far and near people are driving into Columbia. "Among the converts so far have been a state senator; Kirby Higbe, pitcher for the New York Giants, and many prominent local business men. Governor J. Strom Thurmond is in attendance at many of the meetings with his wife and parties of friends. He has wholeheartedly backed the campaign. Delegations of state senators attend regularly, and on Wednesday, March 1, Dr. Graham addressed the joint meeting of the senators and representatives in the legislature."

There were 248 people responding to the invitation in the very first service of the campaign. The full nightly services are being broadcast over the Sumter, South Carolina, radio station.

On Thursday afternoon, March 2, over 3,500 high school and junior high school young people attended a gigantic high school mass meeting. Of these, 942 signed definite decision cards, we suppose including conversions and rededications. Thank God for this blessed revival. Let us all pray for Dr. Billy Graham.

God Gives Great Revival, Hopewell, Va., Evangelist Jim Mercer Preaching

We are so glad to have the following fine letter from Evangelist Jim Mercer of 1222 W. 50th Street, Minneapolis.

"Dear Dr. Rice: "There were 1,500 decisions, about 800 for salvation, in the Hopewell, Va. campaign. We were scheduled to close last Sunday night, but about 300 came forward, 200 for salvation, others for assurance. (I had to fly away for some scheduled services here in Pontiac, and also to take my twins to the hospital for an eye operation) and we couldn't close! the song leader, Iner Basinger, preaching till I get back Friday to continue. PRAY for us They are having big crowds and souls every service in my absence! Sunday night was the greatest thing for God I ever saw!!

"I'm preaching here for Tom Malone tomorrow night.

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Revival in Catholic-Dominated Portugal

From the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, 352 Wellington, Chicago, we have news of a blessed revival in Portugal, "For what may be the first time in history, a stirring revival is sweeping a city of Catholic-dominated Portugal. In one week 332 people—all Catholics—came forward for salvation in the Marinha Grande Baptist Church, Portugal.

"Each night since January 1 when the services began, more than 700 people have jammed the church, with hundreds of others turned away for lack of room. No invitation was given during the first three weeks. On the 22nd day of the meetings, a simple invitation was given, and 182 people came to the front to accept Christ.

"On following nights, testimonies were permitted. One young boy stood to say that he did not know who his earthly father was, but now he could say that in Christ he knew his Heavenly Father. Immediately, an elderly, well-dressed man arose and said, 'I am the boy's father, and I, too, want to take Christ as my Saviour.'

"Another evening a 25-year old man stood and said, 'I was a thief. Many here tonight know this, but I want all to know it because I am a new man. Christ has come into my heart.'

"Many, unable to speak, wrote their testimonies for the local pastor to read to the congregation. They told warm, moving stories of lives changed by the grace of God."

Spies have been in every service, and every kind of opposition possible by Catholics and Communists has been used by those who would hinder the revival. John Oliveira, missionary to Portugal for fifty years, now serving the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, declares it to be "to my knowledge one of the most marvelous movements in any Roman Catholic country."

Evangelist Eddie Wagner at Inglewood, Calif.

Pastor Cecil F. Memmer writes of a good meeting with Evangelist Eddie Wagner of Little Rock, Arkansas. The pastor says, "Regard-

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less of rainy and foggy weather and it being so near the holiday season, we had between 40 and 50 decisions for Christ. Since the meeting closed, many are moving for God and we expect that there will be many more.

"Eddie is a fearless preacher and is being used of God to move men to make that all-important decision of getting right with God."

Evangelist Louis Wunneburger Being Greatly Used

God gave Evangelist Louis Wun-

neburger a blessed revival in the First Baptist Church, Herrin, Illinois. The fire of God spread to other churches in the city. Twenty-four converts were baptized in the First Baptist Church, thirteen of them grown men, heads of families. One man was seventy-four years old. Another pastor baptized eleven the same night and another church received several members for baptism.

In Firestone Park Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio, Brother Wunneburger has been in a blessed revival, not closed when we heard from him.

Dr. Bob Jones Says:

I have just read a letter from a former student of Bob Jones University from which I quote a few statements:

"For an hour I have been reading your book THINGS I HAVE LEARNED while recovering from the flu. The lessons you give in it bring back such wonderful memories of school I had to write and tell you how much I appreciate the book. . . . You will never know, unless it be in heaven, how much you mean to me and what a great impression the school made on my life. The young people I am in touch with will probably think I built the school the way I encourage them to attend there. We have just opened our church library, of which I am in charge. I just struck on the idea of having your sayings painted on little signs and placed in each of our Sunday School classrooms. . . . You see, Dr. Bob, I am eager for the young people of our church that are unable to attend college to have the philosophy of life for which Bob Jones University stands."

This letter is just one of hundreds that come to the Bob Jones University office. You will note how this young lady was inspired by attending Bob Jones University. You will also notice that she is trying to give the blessing that she had to young people who are not financially able to attend our school. There are many talented young people in the world that could be trained for the same type of Christian leadership this girl developed as a result of her attendance at Bob Jones University, but they haven't the money. They can all help themselves some, but they cannot all pay in full. We are doing our dead-level best to raise a million-dollar Student Loan Endowment Fund so the institution will never have to turn away a worthy student who has possibilities for Christian leadership because the student hasn't enough money to pay in full and take some other student who can pay in full but who lacks the elements of leadership that the student of less means has. I think I have made to you Christian friends our position clear. I believe you understand what we are doing. Bob Jones University, as you know, has no conference, no association, no convention, and no organization back of it. The only co-operation it gets is from individual Christians as the Spirit of God moves on them to help the school. The institution is on a good sound financial basis. The Lord has been good to us. For sixteen years we have paid our operating overhead out of our income from room, board, tuition, and fees. All educators will tell you that that is a remarkable record. Now, if we can collect in full for room, board, tuition, and fees from students enrolled in Bob Jones University, we can continue under our system of government to pay our grocery bills, pay for teachers, and keep up the University property. We cannot do this unless all students can pay their way. As we have told you before, we could raise our prices and cater exclusively just to the young people whose parents are well to do, but our consciences will not let us do this. We, therefore, are asking you

Christian people to make a contribution to this million-dollar Student Loan Endowment Fund we are raising. We would like to have a minimum of \$300,000 of this money by the time this school year closes June 1. We are confident that we will have \$250,000 of the amount. You Christian friends know that God's Word says that we are to bear each other's burdens. It also says that we are to let every man bear his own burden. We are not asking you Christian people to take any personal burden off our shoulders. We are willing to bear our own burden. We, however, are appealing with all the earnestness of our heart to the Christian friends who know what Bob Jones University is doing for the Lord Jesus Christ in training young people to be not only cultured but aggressive Christian leaders and soul winners to help us do this job for God. The measure of an individual's responsibility is the measure of his opportunity. My son, as president, and I, as founder and chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the members of our executive staff, and all of our faculty and the overwhelming majority of our students are endeavoring to measure up to their opportunity. Now, you have an opportunity to help us; so won't you Christian people measure up to your responsibility and help us help these young people, some of whom write: "I can pay half of my expenses. If you can make me a loan for the other half, I can come and I will be glad to pay the school any amount I may owe when I am through. Please give me a chance. I want to work for God. I want a Christian education. I want to come to Bob Jones University." Now, let me ask you: Don't you think you ought to help us? Ask God, if He wouldn't like to have you help us. Then decide what you think your part of this million dollars is and send us a check for the amount or send us a pledge. God wants some of you to make big generous contributions. God does not want some of you to make big contributions. You haven't a great deal of money. But every Christian who reads this appeal can do something toward helping us raise this money to help these young people that must have help if they get the Christian training they sincerely desire. I thank God that there are young people in this day of loose morals that want Christian training. It would break your heart to read some of the letters that come to our desk. You could not resist the appeals that we have, and I do not believe you are going to resist the appeal I am making now. All I ask of you is to do your best to help us so we can help young people that must have help if they attend Bob Jones University and equip themselves for what they believe God would have them do. We are counting on you. Please, everybody pray for us; and please, all of you folks that have some money, help us financially. Remember you are helping us to help young people that want to be Christian leaders and soul winners. Thank you and God bless you.

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Brother Wunneburger lives at P. O. Box 510, Austin, Texas, has recently gone back into full-time revival work, after a short season in the pastorate. He is being greatly used of God and has promised to help us next summer on the Cedar Lake Conference on Revival, July 16-23.

Evangelist G. P. Comer at Cedar Key, Fla., Methodist Church

We have a good word from Pastor Noel V. Nihoul, of the Cedar Key, Florida Methodist Church, concerning revival services recently held there by Evangelist G. P. Comer of Box 5889, Dallas, Texas. The pastor writes, "Our altars again felt the tears of repentance and joy as the people prayed there, and Heaven was made glad when shouts of joy ascended to the throne." There were about fifty conversions and re-dedications, some thirty-four people began to tithe and twelve young people of several churches dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. The pastor very heartily recommends Evangelist Comer.

Evangelist Kenneth Chapman, Sword Evangelist, Blessed in Little Rock

We have a letter from Rev. Jack Hogue, pastor of the East End Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, very happy over three nights of services in his church. Evangelist Kenneth Chapman took three sermon films, two by the editor, one by the associate editor, Bill Rice. One film was shown each night, and Brother Chapman preached. Pastor Hogue writes:

"Dear Bro. Rice: "Thank God for your ministry in films. I have never seen anything like it. Evangelist Kenneth Chapman following your messages with a message of fire sent from heaven. This man of God preaches with fire and force to the very heart of the lost."

"He preached to a packed house for three nights. There were 28 saved, 26 of these for Baptism and church membership, 50 rededications. Just in three nights. Praise God, Praise God!"

"I can truly recommend this man of God and these messages in film by Brother John Rice and Bill Rice. God is using these men in a great way."

We will be glad to have film evangelists visit your church for one night or three nights, if you like. Nearly everywhere godly young men show these films souls are saved and Christians are revived. Write to Bill Rice, director of the Extension Department for dates for these film men. Brother Chapman and some other evangelists associated with THE SWORD OF THE LORD also hold full-scale revival campaigns. Let us recommend an evangelist to you.

Eighty-Two Conversions, Forty-Five Other Decisions in Tom Fair Revival in Oregon

A Sunday School superintendent sends us the following happy letter. "Enclosed find two dollars (\$2.00) for which send me your paper which was recommended to me by Evangelist Tom C. Fair of 2726 S. E. 118th Ave., Portland, Oregon. He praised your paper highly, and we are anxious to receive it."

"We have just closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist Tom C. Fair and truly the power of God was manifested in our midst by his powerful gospel preaching. Eighty-two (82) souls came forward to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, and forty-five (45) other decisions were made for backsliding and rededications. Whole families, ranging from 3 to 6 persons, were saved. Truly it was a God-sent, and Spirit-filled meeting."

"We would highly recommend Mr. Fair and his song leader, Paul Coulombe to any church desiring

a Spirit-filled and soul-winning team.

"Our building is large, but it was not large enough to hold the crowds, as nightly they became larger."

"Evangelist Fair is a dynamic preacher and he has a way of getting into the hearts of people, and they love to hear him preach."

"I will be looking forward to receiving your paper with joy, thanks to Mr. Fair."

"Yours in Christ Jesus,"
(Signed) Charles Foree, S. S. Supt.

Pastor John Dunlap Reports on Jim Mercer Revival in Norfolk, Va.

We are glad to have the following letter about a recent Jim Mercer campaign in Norfolk, Virginia. Praise God for the good pastor and the greatly blessed evangelist.

"Dear Dr. Rice: "Enclosed you will find two dollars (\$2.00) to cover my subscription for THE SWORD OF THE LORD for another year. Needless to say, it brings great blessing with every copy."

"You will be glad to know that we have just closed one of the most amazing campaigns in the history of the Tabernacle Church. In the two weeks that Jimmie Mercer was here, over one hundred and fifty came forward to trust Christ and the holy glow of revival is still gathering momentum."

"Jimmie Mercer has the God-given personality and talent for the job he's doing. He's a man of God and a fearless preacher of the truth of God. The unprecedented crowds that came to hear him have continued now for two weeks so that all records in Sunday school, prayer meeting and the regular services have been broken and last night seven more (all adults) came to Christ."

"May God continue to pour out His blessing upon you and the staff of the Sword. You folks are meeting a terrific need and our prayers are with you."

"In the Harvest,"
(Signed) Jno. C. Dunlap

Bible Commando Youth Rallies

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tobler hold "BIBLE COMMANDO YOUTH RALLIES" in connection with revival campaigns, vacation Bible schools, or sing rallies. They are members of Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor, and often help him in revival campaigns. They use many object lessons, are said to be attractive to both youth and adults, and are commended by many godly pastors whom we trust as being sound in faith, attractive in their methods and fruitful in the saving of many souls. They may be addressed: In care of Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dr. Monroe Parker Commended by Oakland Pastor

From the Melrose Baptist Church, Pastor Ernest L. Hastings writes to commend Dr. Monroe Parker. He says, "Dr. Parker presents the gospel in a very unique fashion. His messages are packed with Scriptural references and illuminative to the soul in darkness seeking light."

"It rained practically every night of the campaign, yet the attendance was very good. Decisions were made for Christ as personal Lord and Saviour, rededications and full-time service. God blessed us through his ministry."

"I join with you in praying for a revival of a nation-wide scope."

Dr. Monroe Parker's address is % Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Evangelist Raymond T. Cutchin, Jr., Used at Safety Harbor, Fla. Revival

Rev. Bob Puckett, pastor First Baptist Church, Safety Harbor, Florida, writes a good word about revival services led by Evangelist Raymond T. Cutchin. The church was reunited after previous troubles. Over one thousand homes were reached in personal visitation and there were twenty conversions and thirteen additions to the church. Sunday school at-

tendance has about doubled and the church and pastor are enthusiastic in recommending Evangelist Cutchin. You can reach Evangelist Ray T. Cutchin % SWORD OF THE LORD, 214 W. Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois. We recommend him heartily and know him well.

Introducing Charles Smith Evangelistic Party

We have had good letters from a number of godly men commending Evangelist Charles Smith and Mr. Howard Jewell. They are working together as an evangelistic team. In the summer, they will be sent as a team to Europe representing Youth for Christ, we understand and will be open for revival engagements in the states in the fall.

A number of pastors tell of good results under Brother Smith's preaching and we are glad to mention them in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. May the Lord abundantly prosper their ministry. Those who want to get in touch with Smith-Jewell party may write Rev. Charles Smith, P. O. Box 6, Glendale, California.

Dr. Harry G. Hamilton in Good Revival Hutchinson, Kansas

Our friend, Dr. Harry G. Hamilton, has recently been in the Temple Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Kansas. A friend there writes us, "Our church has just closed a revival with Dr. Harry G. Hamilton and the Lord certainly did bless with souls. There were 21 saved, 23 joined the church, 21 baptized and several backsliders restored."

We are glad God is blessing Dr. Hamilton. We know him and love him and hope he will be kept busy for the Lord.

SWORD OF THE LORD Workers See Many Saved

General Manager Walter E. Handford, of the Sword of the Lord Foundation, recently held revival services with the Calvary Baptist Church, Anderson, Indiana, Thurman Fuller pastor. The little church was greatly built up with some twenty-two additions, about a dozen found Christ as Saviour.

On March 5, the SWORD OF THE LORD team at the Chicago Industrial Mission saw twenty-six men come to Christ as Saviour. Walt Handford preached and other workers at the SWORD OF THE LORD office were in charge of the music and helped in personal work.

Brethren Evangelist Open for Revivals

It was the editor's joy some years ago, in a revival campaign in Whittier, California, to stay in the home of Pastor William H. Clough, a cooperating pastor. The fellowship was sweet, and I came to know and treasure this spiritual, soul-winning man.

After good success in the pastorate, Brother Clough feels led of God to enter the evangelistic field. He has just closed a three weeks' revival campaign in Berne, Indiana, with wonderful attendance, interest and conversions.

Those interested may write Evangelist William H. Clough, 778 Lincoln Way East, South Bend, Indiana.

Evangelist J. L. Farren Reports Blessed Revival

We are happy to hear from Evangelist J. L. Farren of Mt. Crawford, Virginia, who has just had part in a remarkable revival at the Church of God in South Mountain, Pennsylvania.

The revival was announced for three weeks but ran five weeks. There were some ninety-two decisions for Christ, including drunkards and others saved and backsliders returning to Christ. The revival so decreased the business in the bar-room that the bartender's salary was cut.

Brother Farren writes, "We want you to know, Brother John, that we are among the many who have you and your work on our prayer list, and along with you, we can say, 'We have not because we ask not.'"

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into her arms. Mothers know how to comfort. Fathers can just pity.

Do you know what comfort is? It is the hand of pity wiping tears away. Comfort is the hand of pity binding up wounds. Comfort is the hand of pity loving you, petting you, comforting you! God pities like a father and comforts like a mother.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn away to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12:3). It is worth being cuffed around, worth being looked down on. I have lived long enough to know that soul winning is the best paying business a person can have. I just clip the coupons every day.

Somebody said, "Dr. Bob, you led my grandmother to Jesus."

I said, "Well, that is right. I soon will be old."

Just recently I have had some wonderful times. In Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, my children—those boys and girls from our school—were all around me. They came in to see me.

I had a letter yesterday from a man who said, "My wife and I came on your campus for just a few hours and got saved. I'm preaching. Next week I want to come by the campus just to tell you that I love you and put my arms around you." He can hug me whenever he gets there!

It is good business. God said, 'I will take care of you. You had a little life; you kept My Word; you magnified My name; you wouldn't let anybody keep you out of the door I opened; you wouldn't let anybody pull you back, but you entered.'

God Will Vindicate His Faithful Workers

Now He says there is something else He is going to do. "I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie...." He says, "...I will make them to come and worship before thy feet" (Rev. 3:9).

Brother, if you belong to God and do not do some business for God, there is no one to blame but you, because there are plenty of doors open. They are all around you.

Last summer, our preacher boys in the college led thousands and thousands to Jesus Christ. We do not take a fellow back in the fall unless he wins souls in the summertime. They have to speak to at least one man about his soul every day.

There was Jon Pirtle. He came to our school but did not stay long. He was just a boy. He said, "Dr. Bob, the little time I was there got me fixed."

Billy Graham said to me, "Dr. Bob, call me your boy." He came down to Bob Jones College for just a short time.

Jack Shuler was converted on our campus. T. W. Wilson was converted under my ministry. He sold his bicycle and came to school. He had \$30. He said he was going to stay as long as he could. He stayed four years and finished. He is one of my boys.

Jim Mercer, Clifford Lewis, oh, I could call the roll! When I am dead and gone, and if the Lord tarries, some of them will say about me, "Well, maybe the old boy did something after all."

The Lord says, "If you enter the door, if you are true to me, if you never waver...." Do you get it?—You will be vindicated.

A fellow was talking to me about Paul Rader not long ago. People cussed him when he was living. Nobody ever cussed Sam Jones after he died. Don't you get the idea that Dwight L. Moody had an easy time! They lied about him in this city. They said he was out for money. If you are a soul winner, you cannot, to save your

life, keep some people from saying mean things about you.

Years ago, during World War I, we were living in Montgomery, Alabama, and a committee said to me, "Bob, this is your home city. We want you to have a revival here." (By the way, during World War I they had revivals all over America. People prayed, and we cleaned the liquor business out. And we forgot God in World War II; now they are even talking about the next war!) We built a big tabernacle across from the state capitol. The governor and his staff were on the platform every night. Supreme court judges also sat on the platform. There was an average nightly attendance of ten thousand people for a month. Thousands confessed Jesus as Saviour and Lord. It was the cleanest, finest campaign that I ever saw!

When the campaign was over, the chairman of the committee said, "Now, Bob, what is the biggest offering you ever had in your life for a meeting? What is the biggest offering any evangelist ever had?"

I said, "I don't know."

"We want to give you the biggest offering you ever had. It's your home town. We want to release an Associated Press story that we gave you the biggest offering you ever had in your life, right here in your home town."

I said, "I won't take a cent. This is my contribution to the town."

I raised a great deal of money for every good charity cause, for the Red Cross, tubercular hospital—thousands of dollars. We would not accept a penny personally. The friends presented Mrs. Jones and me with a lovely silver service. But I would not let them give me a penny. We appreciated the silver service, but personally I would just as soon drink out of a gourd as a silver goblet. But my wife hadn't.

I closed the meeting. They stood up and sang songs and waved handkerchiefs at me. I said, "I would like to see the Devil say anything about this meeting! I have held one campaign that no one can criticize!" Oh! I was lied about and misrepresented and slandered worse for that meeting than any campaign I ever conducted.

Listen, the world will not be against you, brethren, because you are bad. If you are bad, they will be for you. The world is not against you because you preach for money. Sinners can understand that. If you are out for money. You are their kind. The world is against you because you are good and the world is bad. The world was against Jesus Christ because He was so good and they were so bad. And if you will go through an open door that His nail-pierced hand opens for you, and He stands there with keys of death and Hell fastened to His girdle, they will say, "Look at him, look at him, look at him!" But you just go on in, and just keep going in whenever He opens the door. And some of these days they will find out who is who. Now they will call you bad names. But they will call you Mister someday!

The first time Dr. John Rice came down to our school, he said, "You know, Dr. Bob, this is one campus where an evangelist is a gentleman!"

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down to our school. Old Bud stuttered. He said, "Ya h-ath ta watch out when ya preach against thsin. If ya don't watch out when ya preach again thsin, it'll harden ya little, yo h-ath to be careful."

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What are you running a Christian school for? What are you running your Sunday School for? What are you running your church for? What are you in business for? Our only job is to enter God's doors and do God's business. I always say to our preacher boys, "Boys, if you ever get up in a pulpit and don't know what to talk about, just preach the gospel." I say, "Boys, when you

are in a town for a little while and don't know what to do, go out and win somebody to Jesus."

We had a fellow, a wonderful soul winner, working his way through our school. It always scares me when students come there without money. Sometimes they say the Lord sends them there on faith. I always hope their faith is good, because we have to buy the groceries!

This fellow came, and he got behind a little on his account. I said, "Your account isn't up." In those days we had only about two hundred students; so I had to watch the books every day. When they would get behind, we did not have money to buy anything to eat. So I said, "You're behind."

"Well, I don't know what's going to happen to me, Dr. Bob. The Lord has always supplied my money, but it has quit coming in. Have you got anything to suggest?"

I said, "When the Lord wanted a little money, He caught a fish. You might catch a fish and shake a little money out of its mouth."

Some two or three days later he came down the hall waving a receipt.

"What is that?"

"I've just paid my bill."

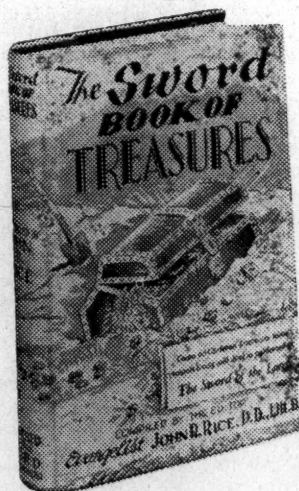
"How did you pay it?"

"I caught a fish. The night watchman's wife was sick the other night and he had to go home. I relieved him for two

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hours. A fellow was coming home from a party drunk. He was in his tuxedo. He was coming along—you know how they act

"S' lovely, beautiful day!" he said.

"I said, 'You mean night.'"

"Yeah, I mean night."

"I stood there and talked to him. He said he had been to a party. I knew he wasn't saved. I didn't have to ask him—he didn't smell like a Christian."

So this student told me that he got him over on the lawn and poured the Word of God into him. After awhile the drunk said, "Mother was a good woman and Daddy was a Christian."

"Well," he said, "Do you want to be saved?"

"Yes, I want to be saved."

So he led him to the Lord.

"Today he came back by here and said, (he remembered my name evidently): 'You know, I'm really saved. All that whiskey is gone. I'm right with God. I'm on my feet; I'm all right. This morning as I was reading my Bible and praying, it suddenly occurred to me that you might need something. Do you?'"

"Oh," he said, "I'm all right."

"How were you fixed financially? Now, wait a minute. Don't dodge. I just want to ask you if you need any money. How do you go to school here?"

"Well, the Lord helps me."

"Do you owe anything at the office?"

"Don't bother about that."

"I'll tell you what I will do. If you won't tell me, I'll go down and see."

So the student said, "Yes, I do. I owe, I think, \$60."

"Here's \$100. Go down and pay that \$60 and keep the change."

You know, I have never known a fellow who went out in the fishing business and just kept catching fish, but what he nearly always got enough out of their mouths to buy something to eat. "They which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (I Cor. 9:14). Go out fishing, brother. Some of them will not have a penny, but don't worry. Even if they do, you might not get it, but some of them will have it!

I get some money almost every week for our school from some fish, or the child of some fish which I caught. It is big business. I am sorry for some of these poor fellows who do not know anything about it.

All my life I have just been moving from one room to the other. I never open any doors. Fifty-one years, and I have never asked for a meeting. I just enter a door. I get into a room, fix it up the best I can, then God says, "Come on in here now." I move in there and fix that one up the best I can. Then God says, "Here is another door. Move into that one." Then a few times in my life I

have felt a little stuck up, such a nice room and I thought I did a nice job. God cannot use you much when you are stuck up. Then God has said, "Come up here to the attic a little while." I go up to the attic and stay there a little while. That is not nice at all, but it has to be done. Somebody has to clean out the attic. If they did not, we would be ruined. So clean up the attic and go on and stay humble. It will not be hard in an attic to stay humble. You get your attic all fixed up, you know, and God says, I can move him now into a nicer room. Come on out."

Fifty-one years just moving from one room to another! Some day I am going to be in a room and I will be working, trying to fix it up, and something seems to be wrong with the lights. The electricity is going out. It is getting dark! Maybe I am old. Maybe there is something wrong with my eyes. No, no, the light is going out. It is dark. I cannot see a thing. And I look over yonder, and it will not be a door, it will be a gate of pearl and it will swing open! The Lord will say, "Come in, now." (He will not say "go" in, but "come" in.) And I will move into the room He has fixed for me. I will not have any fixing to do. It will be a nice room, too, because He has been working on it for nearly two thousand years!

Brethren, we are in the biggest business in the world. I would like to go back and start over again and try to do it a little better. But you know one thing you and I can do: from tonight on, we can be everything God wants us to be. We cannot be what God wanted us to be twenty years ago, but from this night, as long as we live God wants us to be what God wants us to be from right now on. So let's be that! What do you say?

Prayer:

Blessed Jesus, we don't know how this sermon will read in THE SWORD OF THE LORD if it ever gets there—we don't know. It is probably awfully disconnected. We just tried to drop a few little ideas and words and thoughts here: maybe I said something they will remember. I think they will remember what I said about being kicked because they can't forget that. The Devil will see that they are reminded of that. But I pray that when they are, they will not be discouraged. Help them to think of the open door instead of the kicking and the kicker. Help us to be faithful. That is all you told us to do. You did not tell us to be big people and prominent; you said that if we wanted to go up, we should first go down. If you want to be somebody, be a good servant.

Mrs. Margie P. McCall, New Assistant Director of Sword Book Club

By the Editor

Miss Lola Bradshaw has been given charge of the Sword Book Room, the local retail store, owned by Sword of the Lord Publishers, in Wheaton. To take her place as assistant director of the Sword Book Club, we have secured Mrs. D. A. McCall, known as Mrs. Margie P. McCall through her pen in many circles. Mrs. McCall is the wife of Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, for the last eleven years Executive Secretary of Mississippi Baptist State Convention. Dr. McCall is now pastor in Chicago, and Mrs. McCall, besides the duties of a pastor's wife, takes up the responsibilities of helping with the Sword Book Club.

She and I have an agreement that she is to do the work and I am to get the credit!

Mrs. McCall is wonderfully fitted for this work. She worked as

public relations secretary and taught in the religious education department of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary for Colored Preachers and Lay-Workers. She has done much of the promotional writing for Baptist headquarters in Mississippi. Two years she edited the book on State Missions for the Mississippi Baptists. For six years she served as publicity director at Ridgecrest for a group of North Carolina and other State newspapers. She has a gift of writing, she has imagination, she has energy. She has a tireless devotion to Christ and a sparkle in her eye and in her speech. We will lean heavily on Mrs. McCall and feel honored to introduce her to The Sword of the Lord family.

Dr. and Mrs. McCall have a fine son, Scotchie McCall, Jr., now in Bob Jones University training for the ministry.

Bless this conference. Bless Brother John Rice. We thank Thee for THE SWORD OF THE LORD and for his ministry, for his unselfishness, through the years! We feel under conviction when we get around him. We think how he has poured out his money, how unselfish he is and how he carries on the work. We thank you for his family who work with him—for Grace and her husband down at the school there cooperating with

us. Thank you for the associates he has. Thank God that the folks who are close to him are loyal to him. Thank the Lord for those who move in the same circles as some of us who know we are sincere and honest. Keep us all true to Thee. May the power of God come down upon us. May we be all we ought to be.

Now, Lord we know the doors are open, lot of doors are open to us. Some of us can lead some-

one to Christ in Chicago before we leave here if we will try. There are plenty of sinners in this town, no trouble about finding them around here. Help everybody to try to win a soul to Jesus this week. Let the power of God come. Lord, fill us with the Holy Spirit. Anoint us with power, and make us what we ought to be.

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